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IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF DUCHESNE COUNTY

STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL DETERMINATION OF ALL THE RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREA OF THE UINTAH BASIN IN UTAH

PETITION TO APPROVE 1999
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT, 2000
BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS, 2000 SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION AND REQUEST TO
APPOINT THE 2000 RIVER COMMISSIONER FOR THE UINTA AND
WHITEROCKS RIVERS

Docket No. 3070 Judge John R. Anderson

Petitioner and the Committee for the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers, submit herewith the 1999 Annual Report of the Commissioner, the proposed 2000 Budget and Schedule of Assessments, and the 2000 proposed Schedule of Distribution, in accordance with the Interim Distribution Order signed by the Court on May 18, 1998. Petitioners, also, request the Appointment of the River Commissioner for the year 2000.

In support of this Petition, Petitioners represent to the Court that;

- 1. By its Interim Order dated May 18, 1998, a committee of water users for the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers was organized under the direction of this Court. Petitioner Lynn Hansen, was Chairman of the committee appointed by this Court to support the River Commissioner and to aid in carrying out the orders of this Court, in connection with the distribution system for the waters of the Uinta and Whiterocks River systems.
- 2. The Committee of the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers met on February 11 of 2000 and Petitioner Shane Hamblin was elected Chairman of that committee and is authorized to file this Petition on behalf of said committee.
- 3. The committee received and approved the 1999 report of the administration of the waters of the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers by Shane Hamblin, the River Commissioner for the year 1999. A copy of that report is filed herewith.
- 4. The committee reviewed and approved a budget, with schedule of assessments, for the expenses of the River Commissioner for the year 2000. The Budget and Schedule of Assessments are attached hereto as "Exhibit A".
- 5. The committee has reviewed and approved, after consultation with the Utah State Engineer, a proposed Schedule of Distribution of the Waters of the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers and

recommends it to the Court, for the year 2000. The proposed Schedule of Distribution is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

- 6. The committee voted to recommend to the Court the appointment of Shane Hamblin as River Commissioner of the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers, for a term of one (1) year. Petitioner further alleges that Shane Hamblin is a competent and qualified person to act as said River Commissioner.
- 7. It is requested by the committee, if for any reason the River Commissioner does not complete his term of office or is unable to fulfill his obligations as Commissioner, that the committee be authorized to select a temporary replacement River Commissioner.
 - 8. The committee requests that the Interim Order entered for the irrigation year of 1998 be reaffirmed and made applicable for the 2000 irrigation year, in the following respects:
 - a. It is requested that the River Commissioner be allowed to distribute the water of the streams and reservoirs involved in accordance with this Court's Interim Order and to do all things necessary for the proper and correct measurement, diversion and distribution of said waters, in accordance with the Decrees of the Federal District Court and state laws.
 - b. That the River Commissioner be directed to confer with the respective committees in developing a schedule for distribution

of water, specifically, the manner in which the waters of the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers, and their tributaries, should be distributed, after consultation with the State Engineer, and shall submit for the next year a recommended Interim Distribution Order to this Court for its consideration.

- c. That the River Commissioner be directed to deliver and distribute the waters of such non-Federal water rights in the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers, in accordance with the proposed Schedule of Distribution, attached hereto as "Exhibit B".
- d. That the waters for the Federal and non-Federal water rights be distributed in accordance with the terms and limitations of the 1923 Federal Court Decrees in cases numbered 4437 and 4418.
- e. That the River Commissioner be required to work with the respective committees to prepare a recommended budget to be submitted to the Court for the next year. Said annual report and recommended budget are to contain assessments made, monies received, along with a report of expenditures. The Court, after receiving the proposed annual budget, shall provide a thirty (30) day period for objections to be filed.
- f. Upon approval by the Court, the River Commissioner be authorized to manage the budget, to implement the ordered assessments and collection of assessed amounts from the non-Federal

water user organizations or water users, and request assessment and collection from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Uintah Indian Irrigation Project, in accordance with the approved budget and schedule of assessment.

- g. Any person or entity, which is a water user in the subject rivers, or otherwise affected by the actions of the River Commissioner, may petition and appear before this Court (about the assessment amounts, the manner in which the water is distributed and/or any other claim relating to the distribution of water). In the event there is a violation of the Court's Order or any part of this Petition or, in the opinion of the River Commissioner, the occurrence of the unauthorized use of water, the River Commissioner be directed to recommend to this Court a solution to the problem, including any remedy to be imposed on the unauthorized water user or violator of the Order.
- h. If a non-Federal water user fails to pay any assessments levied, when due, that water users further use of water be prohibited.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

1. That the 1999 report of the administration of the waters of the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers be approved, as submitted and filed herewith.

- 2. That the 2000 Budget and Schedule of Assessments, be approved, as submitted and attached hereto as "Exhibit A".
- 3. That the proposed 2000 Schedule of Distribution of Waters of the Uintah and Whiterocks Rivers be approved, as submitted and attached hereto as "Exhibit B".
- 4. That Shane Hamblin be appointed to serve as River Commissioner of the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers, for a period of one (1) year.
- 5. That the Committee for the Uinta and Whiterocks Rivers be authorized to appoint a temporary replacement should the River Commissioner be unable to complete the one (1) year term.
- 6. That the applicable provisions of the 1998 Interim Order, as presented herein, be reaffirmed and made effective for the year 2000.

DATED this 30 day of March, 2000.

McKEACHNIE, ALLRED, McCLELLAN & TROTTER, P.C. Attorneys for Petitioners

Gayle F. McKeachnie

Lynn Hansen

Chairman of the Committee for the Uintah and White-rocks Rivers

Uinta and Whiterocks River Commissioner's 2000 Budget

Salary	\$ 32,430.00
Mileage	\$ 7,000.00
F.I.C.A.	\$ 2,480.90
Workers' Comp. Ins.	\$ 900.00
Office Expenses	\$ 700.00
Association of Water Users1	\$ 1,375.00
Automation	\$ 1,000.00
Publish Annual Report	\$ 100.00
Mt. Reservoir Inspection	\$ 350.00
Phone	\$ 900.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
Retirement	\$ 2,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 1,000.00
Computer	\$ 300.00
Expense Sub-Total	\$ 50,635.90
Credit-1998 Contingency Fund	(3,237.61)
Credit-1999 Unexpended Funds	(1,440.33)
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TOTAL 2000 BUDGET EXPENSES

\$ 45,957.96

¹The committee has elected to utilize the services of the Associated Water users Association of the Uinta and Whiterocks River drainage for secretarial work, as well as, for the collection of water assessments of their members.

\$ 4,677.94

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Uinta and Whiterocks River Commissioner's 2000 Schedule of Assessments

Funds on hand at the beginning of the year carried forward from 1998 Contingency fund and 1999 Unexpended funds.

Allred/Colthorp	\$	150.93	
Bastian, Keith	\$	33.69	
Big Six Ditch	\$	253.68	
Coltharp Ditch	\$	139.32	
Dry Gulch Uintah	\$ \$ \$ \$	8,195.84	
Durigan Ditch Co.	\$	88.93	
Hall & Lee Ditch Co.	\$	88.63	
Harris Irrigation Co.	\$	296.70	
Howard Horrocks	\$	95. 59	
Larson Ditch Co.	\$	84.61	
Marimon		97.82	
Moffat	\$	1,357.78	
Ouray Park Irr. Co.	\$ \$ \$	4,552.94	
Park Extension	\$	2,064.49	
T N Dodd Irr. Co.	\$	2,064.49 671.79	
Uintah Independant Ditch Co.	\$	1,214.05	
Uinta Indian Irr. Project		22,974.82	
Whiterocks Irr. Co.	\$	3,614.35	
Total Assessments	\$	45,957.96	
Total Funds on Hand		•	\$ 50,635.90

SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION UINTA and WHITEROCKS RIVERS

Appl.	Appropriator	Cert. No.	Flow C.F.S.	Nature of Use	Comment	
Number			*			
	Town of Ft. Duchesne		. 85	Domestic & Municipal	Bench Canal	
	Town of Randlett		1.50	Domestic & Municipal	Henry Jim Canal	
	Whiterocks School		.85	Domestic & Municipal	Pipeline	
			3.20		TOTAL	
Appl. Number	Appropriator	Cert. No.	Flow C.F.S.	Period of Use	Proof Acres	Canals
354	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1234	98.51	3-1 to 10-15	6,895.52	Deep Creek
354	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1234	3.39		235.46	Tabby White
355	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1232	23.98		1,678.85	Farm Ck.S.No.2 & Duncan
355-a	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1172	3.50		244.70	Big Six
355-b	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1173	2.29		151.00	Daniels
355-c	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1174	2.02		141.60	Bench
356	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1211	84.50		5,844.37	Uintah
356	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1211	50.85		3,525.25	No. 1
356-a	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1212	2.45		180.20	B (Meadows)
356-a	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1212	1.14		82.70	C(Princess Pal)
356 - a	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1212	2.56		185.80	D(New)
356-b	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1208	1.00		73.47	A(Martha W.)
357	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1300	68.80		4,820.35	Whiterocks & School No. 1
357 - a	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1233	6.13		425.14	Colorado Park
358	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1235	53.00		6,307.97	Bench

383	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1219	13.31		920.94	Bench Ext. & Ft. Duchesne
383-a	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1177	1.00			Henry Jim Ditch
388-a	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1224	9.70			Bench Supp'l to Application 358
388-b	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1176	11.50		827.88	Harmes
388	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1223	24.12		1,612.40	Henry Jim
388	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1223	4.65		325.70	Wissiup
388	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1223	1.14		80.00	Springs
388	U.S. Indian Irr. Serv.	1223	1.94		135.84	Farm Creek Proper
			470.49	TOTALS	34,695.14	
623	Dry Gulch Irrig. Co.	1271	170.17	4-1 to 10-31	12,373.12	Uintah & No. 1
623-a	Dry Gulch Irrig. Co.	2084	26.77	4-1 to 10-31	2,006.30	Uintah & Bench
623-a-1	Dry Gulch Irrig.	2083	46.50	4-1 to 10-31	3,339.66	Uintah
623-b	Dry Gulch Irrig. Co.	2172	60.00	4-1 to 10-31	4,199.05	Uin. Supp'l for 4,199.05 acres
627	Dry Gulch Irrig. Co.	2081	21.33	4-1 to 10-31	1,546.88	No. 1:Primary Right 2 1/4 ac. ft.
727	Dry Gulch Irrig.	2245	44.00	4-1 to 10-31	3,078.75	Uintan & Wo. 1: Supp'l
727-a	Dry Gulch Irrig. Co.	2068	4.80	4-1 to 10-31	335.87	Bench:Primary Right 2 ac. ft.
3062	Dry Gulch Irrig.	2261	42.00	3-1 to 11-30	2,840.60	Cedarview
1149	Uintah Indep. Ditch Co	1260	5.80	4-1 to 10-15	407.00	Uintah Independent
2544	Uintah Indep. Ditch Co	1372	9.20	4-15 to 10-15	648.58	Uintah Independent
7210	Uintah Indep. Ditch Co	1550	2 1/7	4-15 to 10-15	160.00	Uintan Independent
7729	Uintah Indep. Ditch Co	1292	3.57	4-15 to 10-15	250.00	Uintah Independent
8021	Uintah Indep. Ditch Co	1282	4.57	4-15 to 10-15	320.00	Uintah Independent

	Uintah Indep. Ditch Co	1699	5.06	4-1 to 11-1		Uintah Independent
	Ouray Park Irr. Co.	5677	48.00	3-15 to 10-15		Ouray Park (proof not made)
	Ouray Park Irr. Co.		42.00	3-15 to 10-15		Ouray Park (proof not made)
10111	Ouray Park Irr.		95.00	3-1 to 12-15		Whiterocks/Ouray (proof not made)
10111-a	Ouray Park Irr. Co.		95.00	3-1 to 12-15		Whiterocks/Ouray (proof not made)
11550	Ouray Park Irr. Co.		10.00	3-1 to 12-15		Ouray Park (filing on Deep Creek)
11930	Ouray Park Irr. Co.		40.00	2-1 to 12-15		Ouray Park (proof not made)
1852	T.N. Dodd Irr. Co.	1537	8 2/7	4-1 to 11-1	580.00	T.N. Dodd
4929	T.N. Dodd Irr. Co.	1535	2.68	4-15 to 10-15	187.00	T.N. Dodd
513	United States	118	1 6/7	3-1 to 10-1	85.16	T.N. Dodd
514	Uintah River Irr. Co.	1261	25.00	5-1 to 10-1	2,043.55	Moffat
515	U.S. Bureau Ind. Aff.	12C	.85	1-1 to 12-31		
546	Thomas Durigan	185	1 5/7	4-1 to 10-15	127.00	Durigan
586	Charles F. Keil	621	2.27	3-1 to 11-1	160.00	Uintah Independent
644	Whiterocks Irr.	1738	50.00	4-1 to 11-15	3,503.21	Whiterocks/Ouray
719-a	H.B. Lloyd	273	2 1/3	4-1 to 10-31	160.00	Uintah Independent
727-c	Morehouse, Dye &	1677	13.73	4-1, to 10-31.	960.82	T.N. Dedd -
759	J.W. Cook & T.S. Gunn	368	3-3/7	4-15 to 10-1	232.80	Big Six
759-a	John H. Cook	538	2.27	4-15 to 10-1	160.00	Uintah Independent Canal
769	Whiterocks Irrigation Co.	1739	33.00	4-1 to 11-15	2,308.45	Whiterocks-Oura
903	George Taylor	1303	2.14	4-1 to 10-1	150.00	Henry Jim Canal
904	Wayland E. Webb	211	2-31/70	4-1 to 11-30	171.48	Whiterocks-Oura
1079	John A. Olsen	175	1.43	3 4-1 to 10-31	100.00	Uintah Independent

1094-a	Less O'Driscoll	176	2-2/7	4-1 to 9-15	156.48	Big Six
1135	Henry P. Olsen	291	1.20	4-1 to 10-31	72.70	Uintah Independent
1576	S.H. Pullin & A.F. Rasmussen	1416	4.57	4-1 to 9-3 0	320.00	Big Six
1813	George Q. Allred	294	1.43	4-1 to 10-31	100.00	Uintah Independent
1947	Whiterocks Irrigation Co.	1740	9.60	4-1 to 11-30	671.16	Whiterocks-Ouray
2234	John J. Nielson	982	2.28	3-15 to 10-15	160.00	Uintah Independent
2704	R.L. Marimon & R. Forsythe	275	4.05	3-1 to 10-31	283.40	Marimon
3007	Minnie B. Peterson	815	2.50	4-1 to 10-31	160.00	Big Six
3008	Joseph N. Seeley et. al.	1522	8.77	4-1 to 10-31	614.20	Uintah Independent
3319	Ralph S. Marimon	416	1.00	3-1 to 11 -1	68.70	Marimon
5508	W.H. & Hattie Coltharp	630	4.57	4-1 to 9-30	320.00	Uintah Independent
6695	Hall & Whitlock	1136	2.21	4-15 to 10-15	154.61	Hall & Lee
7440	R.L. Marimon	1026	.70	4-1 to 11 -1	45.00	Marimon
7797	Uintah Power & Light	2163	28.32	1-1 to 12-31		
95 10	Ephraim & Grand Rasmussen	1743	.572	4-1 to 11-1	40.00	Deep Creek Canal
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Appl. Number	Appropriator	Cert. Number	Filing Acre Feet	Storage Period	Proof Acre Feet	Name of Reservoir or Comment
6485	Whiterocks Irrigation Co.		5,000	1-1 to 12-31		Paradise Park
6902	Whiterocks Irrigation Co.	6366	1,000			Chepeta Laka
8285	W		300			Mocassin Lake
8286	"		250			Papoose Lake
8287	W		200			Wigwam Lake
13548	w.		1,000			Chepeta Lake
13998	"		1,000			Chepeta Lake
7839	Dry Gulch Irrigation Co.	1807a	500	10-15 to 6-15	500	Lower Chain Lake
7840	"	2144			500	Upper Chain Lake
8223	W	1754		11-1 to 4-1	216	Cresent Lake
8224	"	2146		11-1 to 4-1	750	Fox Lake

8327	11	2170		1-1 to 12-31	330	Lower Chain Lake
8328	"	2085		10-15 to 6-15	20	Upper Chain Lake
8330	11		1,000			Uintah River- Montez Creek
9103	**		1,000			Atwood Lake
10705	"		1,500			Atwood Lake & Elbow
9102	Utah Water & Power Board		4,250			Queant, Cleveland & Cliff
9670	Ouray Park Irrigation Co.		10,000	1-1 to 12-31		Whiterocks River, Filing on
9670-a	"		10,000	1-1 to 12-31		Uintah River, Filing on
11423	W		2,100	1-1 to 12-31		Cliff, Whiterocks & Elbow Lake
11550	N		1,300	1-1 to 12-31		Filing on Deep Creek
11930	"		2,500	11-1 to 3-31		Uintah Riv. & Uriah Heep Spring
11330	U.S.A. Indian Irr. Service		4,500	11-1 to 7-1	Lapsed	Queant & Cleveland Lakes
12934	CO Riv. Great Basin W.U. Assn.		1,500,000	1-1 to 12-31		Green Riv. & other Basin Strm
17168	Jay Larson					10 Sec. Feet
17145	J.R. Mahoney					10 Sec. Feet
18043	U.S. Bureau of Rec.		800,000	1-1 to 12-31		All Uintah Basir Streams
18384	Tridell-LaPoint Water Imp. Dist.		1.00	1-1 to 12-31		
21672	Culbert L. Olsen					2.67 Sec. Feet
36604	St of UT Brd of Water Res.		250.00	4-1- to 10-31		Cedarview Canal
36626	Whiterocks Irrigation Co.		4,460.00	1-1- to 12-31		Whiterocks-Oura

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM UINTAH AND WHITEROCKS RIVERS

FROM UINTAH AND WHITEROCKS RIVERS									
Appl. Number	Appropriator	Cert. No.	Priority	Flow C.F.S.	Period of Use	Proof Acres	Canals		
43-511 A31881 a15950	Whiterocks Irr. Co. (Merkley Drop Reservoir	Proof Due 6/30/99	4/21/60	3000 af	4/1 - 10/31	7459.81	Whiterocks - Ouray		
43-3161 a7420	Jay & Minnie Schulthes Fix, Ashton & Nash	1026	7/30/17	0.7 cfs	4/1 - 11/1	57.55	Ditch (Whiterocks RV)		
43-3311 A17259	Moon Lake Electric Assoc.	Election	2/6/46	56.48 cfs	1/1 - 12/31	Power Plant	Uintah River		
43-3610 A32943	Uintah River Irrigation Co. (E&W Cottonwood Res.)	Election	4/14/61	5.0 cfs	3/15 - 11/15 (I) 1/1 - 12/31 (D)	2043.55	Moffat Canal		
43-3720	Whiterocks Irrigation Do. (LaPoint Reservoir) LaPoint/Tride ll Water	Election	8/8/63	5.0 cfs	4/1 - 11/1 (I) 1/1 - 12/31 (M) 1/1 - 12/31 (S)	6641.56	Wniterocks & Ouray Valley Canal		
43-3811 A36603	Moon Lake Water Users Association	Proof Due 6/30/99	12/7/64	100 cfs 2500 af	4/1 - 10/31	2500.00	Uintan No. 1 Canal		
43-3813	Moon Lake Water Users Association	Proof Due 6/30/2001	12/7/64	100 cfs 2500 af	4/1 - 10/31	3000.00	Uintah Canal		
43-4819	Whiterocks Irrig. Co. (Merkley Drop Res)	Proof Due 6/30/99	12/22/64	4460 af	3/15 - 11/1 (I) 1/1 - 12/31 (D) 1/1 - 12/31 (S)	6203.80	Whiterocks & Ouray Valley		
43-10300 A65493	USA Forest Service	Proof Filed	6/28/91	0.5 cfs	1/1 - 12/31 for non- consump	Fish Culture	Fower Diversion (Uintah River)		
43-10691 A70730	Clark L. Rasmussen	Proof Due 6/30/2001	3/17/97	0.25 cfs	1/1 - 12/31 for non- consump	Fish Culture	Pump (Uintah River)		

MAILING CERTIFICATE

STATE OF UTAH)

COUNTY OF DUCHESNE)

Shanna L. Riding, being duly sworn, says:

That she is employed in the office of McKEACHNIE, ALLRED, McCLELLAN & TROTTER, P. C. attorneys for Petitioners, herein; that she served the attached NOTICE OF PETITION TO APPROVE THE 1999 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT, 2000 BUDGET AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS, 2000 SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION AND REQUEST TO APPOINT THE 2000 RIVER COMMISSIONER FOR THE UINTA AND WHITEROCKS RIVERS, by placing a true and correct copy thereon in an envelope addressed to:

Lynn Hansen
Bureau of Indian Affairs
P O Box 130
Ft. Duchesne, UT 84026

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Associated Water Users Dry Gulch Irrigation P O Box 265 Roosevelt, Utah 84066 Stephen Roth Assistant U.S. Attorney 185 South State, Suite 400 Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Michael Queally Assistant Attorney General 1594 West North Temple, #300 Salt Lake City, UT 84116

David Murray - Whiterocks Irrigation Co. P O Box 146 Lapoint, UT 84039

Lee Simms
Water Rights Division
P. O. Box 146300
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6300

and deposited the same, sealed, with first class postage prepaid

thereon, in the United States mail at Roosevelt, Utah, on the 31st day of March, 2000.

Shanna L. Riding

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of March, 2000.

My commission expires:

Notary Public

Residing at Roosevelt, Utah

